

- (b) if so, what is the percentage of late arrivals of trains during the last one year;
- (c) whether this performance of not adhering to schedules is declining day-by-day and no efforts have been made so far to improve the situation; and
- (d) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.

Funds for Gauge Conversion of Secunderabad Rail Line

1539. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) how much funds were allocated for the gauge conversion of Secunderabad (Voloram) Rail line;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the people of Nizamabad district have been demanding more allocation of funds for speedy completion of the project;
- (c) if so, what is the response of Government in this regard; and
- (d) what is the progress of work between Nizamabad and Muthakhanda railway stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The total funds allocated so far for Secunderabad-Mudkhed gauge conversion project is Rs. 37.52 crores.

- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) The project is being progressed on priority subject to availability of resources.
- (d) Between Mudkhed and Nizamabad, earthwork in formation, construction of minor and major bridge and collection of ballast are

in progress. Work has also been started on rest of the section.

Electrification or Rail Lines in Orissa

1540. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of funds provided for electrification of rail lines in Orissa for the current financial year; and

(b) how much fund has been utilised for the said purpose as of now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Budget allocation for electrification of railway lines is made Project-wise, and not State-wise. However, details of railway electrification projects falling in Orissa are as under:

S. No.	Section	Outlay for 2000-01 (Rs. in Crores)	Expenditure till 30.6.2000 (Rs. in Crores)
(i)	Bokaro-Barsuan	25.00	6.94
(ii)	Kharagpur- Bhubaneswar	40.05	8.78
(iii)	Bhubaneswar- Kottavalasa	40.89	8.75